Abstract of the Disclosure

A modular and flexible framework for creating search systems of networked resources. The framework utilizes an abstraction layer between a user of network resources and the underlying resource types and access methodologies to allow the

5   processing of different resource types simultaneously. The system framework accepts resource types and access methodologies through self-contained modules which can be easily deployed and combined. The end result is a unified search system capable of handling heterogeneous network resources and resources from heterogeneous network access methodologies with a single point of access for the user, and simplified setup for

10   the administrator.